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1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL HOPES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR VISIT TO GERMANY TO DISCUSS THE CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE GDR AND VARIOUS WESTERN COUNTRIES. ONE OF THE POINTS VAN WELL WISHES TO DISCUSS IS HOW TO QUIET BELGIAN FEARS OF BEING LEFT BEHIND SHOULD ONE OF THE MAJOR WESTERN POWERS DECIDE TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE FORTHCOMING IN MEETING GDR DESIRES ON THE NATIONALITY QUESTION. WE LACK DETAILS AS TO WHAT ELSE (IF ANYTHING) MIGHT BE BEHIND THE FRG DECISION TO RAISE THE PROBLEM WITH YOU. IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, THAT THE REQUEST TO DO SO WAS MADE JUST AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRANCO/GERMAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE AT NICE WHERE THE NATIONALITY QUESTION WAS

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